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## Box Patent Application

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1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: **Top Coating Composition**

Claiming priority to: **Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-135548, filed  
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and naming as inventor(s): **Teruzo Toui, Hisaki Tanabe, Nobuhisa Sudo,  
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the application comprising:

a. A specification containing:

- (i) **25** pages of description prior to the claims;
- (ii) **2** pages of claims (**7** claims);
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract;

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